



Date: January 27, 2005
To: Members of the Marine Advisory Commission
From: Mark A. Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches
Subject: MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2005
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

Commissioners Present

Bradley Whyte, Vice Chair
Mike Malbon
Mike Reed
Harry Hutton
Randy Crawford
Peter Hogenson

Commissioners Absent

Richard L. Miller, Chair
Holly Carpenter
David Calhoun

Marine Bureau Personnel

Mark Sandoval, Manager, Marine Bureau
Vivian Crook, Secretary, Marine Bureau

City Staff

Mark Boone, Chief, Marine Safety, LBFD
Tom Keleher, Sergeant, Marine Patrol
Dave Akins, Marine Patrol Officer
Tom Shippey, Manager, Maint.Ops.Bureau
Jeff Edwards, Supt., Marine Maint
Christine Sanburg, Supt., Beach Maint.
Robert Lafoon-Villegas, Admin.Analyst, 2nd Dist.
Avonne Gravel, Admin.Analyst, 3rd Dist.

Guests

Amy Bently-Smith, Grunion Gazette
Joe Segura, Press Telegram
Bud Johnson, former MAC member
Drew Satarino, Parks & Rec.Commissioner
Fred Khammar
Mike O'Toole
Duncan Milne
Peter Martineau
Nancy Calahan
Ted Kuhn

Vice Chairman Whyte convened the meeting at 2:35 p.m., at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

ROLL CALL

Mark Sandoval called the roll of commissioners and introduced Marine Bureau personnel, City staff, and guests.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The November 11, 2004, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

Vice Chairman Whyte explained that the order of the Agenda has been changed with the Bureau Manager Reports moved from the beginning of the meeting to after Old and New Business so that staff representatives can assist with any questions that might arise.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Peter Martineau, Access to Sailing, introduced himself. Duncan Milne explained that Access to Sailing is a rehab program designed to help hospital patients with permanent disabilities get out on the water as a way of getting back into life again and feeling empowered. The program has since grown considerably and they are now working with other community service organizations. Duncan explained that they have put together a proposal in which they are asking for more water and land space, and other items that will enable them to keep their program growing.

Mark Sandoval stated that he has wanted to formalize this program, as it has never gone before the City Council for approval of free dock space.

Vice Chairman Whyte said that he would put this item on the Facilities Committee agenda for review, and then bring it back before the MAC next month.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Mark Sandoval proposed a fee discount for LBSM gangways FF and GG. He explained that boatowners on these gangways are being inconvenienced much more than other boatowners at this time, due to the fact that the staging area of the rebuild has taken up their parking. He proposed lowering slip fees for FF and GG by ten per cent (10%). He indicated that Phil Hester, Director of PRM, is in support of this decrease. He said it would promote goodwill. This discount will not apply to Temporary Authorizations (TAs). This action will not take City Council action to reduce, but will take City Council action to bring it back up.

Commissioner Malbon requested that the City Attorney be asked if the rates could be reduced without having to go back before the City Council to re-establish a rate that is already in place.

It was moved by Commissioner Malbon and seconded by Commissioner Crawford that the MAC approve the reduction of slip fees during the rebuild for gangways FF and GG in LBSM by ten per cent (10%), with the request that options be explored to reduce the fees without the necessity of going back before the City Council to reinstate the current rate. The motion passed unanimously.

- Fred Khammar and Mike O'Toole gave a presentation on their ideas for the Belmont Veteran's Memorial Pier commercial rehab. Beach Ventures Inc. (BVI) will be awarded a 20-year contract to develop and operate the Belmont Veteran's Memorial Pier. Fred gave an overview of the land design, and Mike spoke to the water issues of the design. Funding will come from BVI and Federal Transportation monies. The City only is looking at funding of the dinghy dock. The grand opening is scheduled for August of 2005.

Jeff Edwards stated that the pump station should be operational this month. This will open the restrooms at the end of the pier. A restroom trailer will be placed at mid-pier by early this summer.

It was moved by Commissioner Reed and seconded by Commissioner Crawford that the MAC support the conceptual plan of the Belmont Veteran's Memorial Pier commercial rebuild as presented by Beach Ventures. The motion passed unanimously.

BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT

Marina Operations Report

Mark Sandoval gave the report for the Marine Bureau Major Accomplishments, the Activity Report for ABM/LBSM, and the Total Vessels In and Out by Marina for the month of December.

Maintenance Operations Report

Jeff Edwards gave the Marine Maintenance status report for the month of December.

- Commissioner Malbon commented that the article done on Jeff Edwards in the Press Telegram's Beach Week was very complimentary. Jeff Edwards thanked Joe Segura for the well-written article.
- A future priority for Marine Maintenance will be their focus on the boatowner restrooms and structural problems in Alamitos Bay.
- Due to the series of recent storms the power was out in Basin 5 for a number of days.
- The power is out at restroom D1 and D7 in LBSM. As a result, generator power is being used at this time.
- The electrical gates in LBSM have been a problem since the storms. Maintenance is working on them.
- The Colorado Lagoon tide gates were regularly opened and closed to allow the flow of water into and out of the lagoon, to keep the water clean. Due to new environmental studies, the gates have been left open since December of 2002.
- Mark Sandoval thanked Marine Maintenance for their hard work done in LBSM and for the preparation work done for the start of the rebuild.

Marine Safety Report

Chief Mark Boone gave the Marine Safety status report for the month of December.

- Marine Safety will be receiving a \$75,000 grant from DBAW for two boat engines.
- There was a boat explosion and fire on K dock in LBSM with damage done to the boats on either side. Marine Patrol officers were first on-scene. They disconnected the power and started water on the fire with the dock hose. The permittee of the slip had sold the boat and cancelled his liability insurance, but did not cancel the slip; hence he is still responsible for damages. The new owner of the vessel also did not have insurance. Mark will be writing an article on this incident for the Marina Reader.

Marine Patrol Report

LBPD Sergeant Keleher reported on Marine Patrol activities for the month of December.

- Marine Patrol officers worked hard during the recent storms, and more officers were added to help handle any problems.
- Mark Sandoval thanked Marine Patrol, Maintenance and Lifeguards for a great job done during the recent severe storms.
- Commissioner Reed pointed out that the Marine Patrol report still shows the use of "DTM" instead of "LBSM." Sergeant Keleher said that he would see that the report is updated.

Executive MAC

- All items covered.

Operations Committee

- All items covered

Finance Committee

- Bud Johnson, DBAW Commissioner, stated that there have not been formal discussions regarding the elimination of DBAW.
- Mark Sandoval distributed a package containing financial information that was discussed at the December Finance meeting.
- Mark Sandoval believes he will have enough DBAW loan money to cover the rebuild of both marinas.
- Mark Sandoval explained that the lease with Catalina Cruise says that the City is responsible for keeping the basin dredged. The river has silted so much that a week ago the Catalina Cruise vessels could not make it out. When this occurred three years ago, the City was able to get emergency funding and a permit to dredge a channel for the Catalina Express. However, at this point in time it is not known if the City will be able to get the same accommodation.

Facilities Committee

Commissioner Reed reported on Facilities Committee issues:

- The RFP for the beach master plan is going out for bid.
- The lift pump at the Belmont Veteran's Memorial Pier is approximately three weeks away from being operational.
- Commissioner Reed talked about his desire to send a formal letter from the MAC to Public Works, which states the need for Public Works to use their timetable projections as a target date to complete projects. He will email a draft to the MAC.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- None

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Mark Sandoval said that the annual commission report will need to be finalized and ready to go before the City Council by mid-April. A draft will be sent out for the MAC's review.
- Commissioner Malbon remarked that this was the first MAC meeting without Doug Parsons, and that he felt it fitting to dedicate this meeting in his memory.

It was moved by Commissioner Malbon and seconded by Commissioner Crawford that the MAC dedicate the January MAC meeting to the memory of Doug Parsons. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. The next meeting is set for February 10, 2005, at 2:30 p.m.

cc: Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
City Clerk